

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of Yoshiyuki FUKUMOTO, et al.     Docket No: Q78162

Appln. No.: 10/697,124

Group Art Unit: 2627

Confirmation No.: 8462

Examiner: Jefferson A. EVANS

Filed: October 31, 2003

For:     MAGNETORESISTANCE DEVICE WITH A DIFFUSION BARRIER BETWEEN A  
           CONDUCTOR AND A MAGNETORESISTANCE ELEMENT AND METHOD OF  
           FABRICATING THE SAME

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, as stated as necessary to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance in the Notice of Allowance of March 4, 2008.

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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